

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18, with traverse.

The requirement cannot properly be applied against the claims as now constituted, for the following reasons:

1. Claim 25 is a linking claim, indivisible both from Group I and from Group II.

2. The laminate of claim 25, by definition, cannot be produced by a method other than that of claim 19.

3. Conversely, the method of claim 19 cannot produce a laminate other than that of claim 25.

4. Therefore, there is not even one way distinctness, much less two way distinctness, between the groups of claims.

5. Separate classification is no evidence of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public, and cannot diminish an applicant's rights in any way.

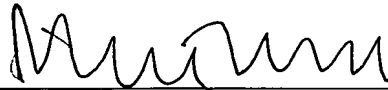
Accordingly, an action on the merits of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge the cost of the added claim of any type in excess of 20, namely \$9, to the undersigned attorneys of record, Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

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